

Neighbor to Neighbor

What Fremont residents are doing to make their community stronger.

Calendar of Events

4th of July Parade

July 4, 10 am – noon. “Looking Back, Looking Forward - A Patriotic Celebration”. Parade route: Warm Springs Boulevard at Mayten Way, north to Hackamore Lane.

Festival of the Arts

July 26, 27 - Celebrate the 20th Annual Fremont Festival of the Arts on Saturday, July 26 and Sunday, July 27 in Downtown Fremont on Paseo Padre Parkway between Mowry and Walnut Avenues.

National Night Out

August 5th – Tuesday evening 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Step outside and get to know your neighbors. Register your event at: http://www.fremontpolice.org/nat/nat_nite03.html

Hot August Niles

August 16 – 1950’s Music and Car Show sponsored by the Niles Merchants Association on Niles Boulevard between G and J Streets.

Festival of India

August 16, 17 – A two day event held at the Alameda County Court House parking lot located at Walnut Avenue and Paseo Padre Parkway sponsored by the Federation of Indian Associations.

Niles Antique Fair

August 31 – Starting Sunday before the sun rises. The entire downtown (Niles Boulevard) will be blocked off for over 500 vendors to display antiques and collectibles.

Centerville Farmer’s Market

Saturday’s - June – November, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. located off Fremont Boulevard at Bonde and Post Streets.

Irvington Farmer’s Market

Sunday’s – All year – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. located on Bay Street.

Do you want to see your upcoming event posted here?

Call Geneva Wheeler
510-790-6957 or
Gwheeler@ci.fremont.ca.us



Bob Czerwinski Named 2002 Neighbor of the Year

Bob Czerwinski was named the Neighbor of the Year at the Fremont Community Engagement Summit on Saturday, November, 16, 2002. A Fremont resident living in the Brookvale neighborhood for 17 years, Bob was instrumental in forming the neighborhood’s Community Emergency Response Team, encouraged his neighbors to organize National Night Out block parties, and helps improve communication on their streets and participates in Neighborhood Watch. He has campaigned for passage of local school bonds and is the leader of Citizens for Neighborhood Integrity, a neighborhood advocacy group that has taken on neighborhood concerns.

“Patience and persistence underlie Bob’s success in making a difference,” said the letter nominating him and signed by 19 of his neighbors. “He is unfailingly kind, consistently positive, tenacious in recruiting participants, and willing to do twice the work he asks of anyone else.” Bob is also an active member of the Kiwanis Club of Fremont, a member of the St. James faith community.

This is the second year that the City of Fremont and Dale Hardware have sponsored the Neighbor of the Year Award. Other good neighbors recognized for their dedication and commitment to improving their community were Fred Anderson, Bernadette Chinn, who was named this year’s Volunteer of the Year by the Fremont Police Department; Mike Fung and Doug Stinson, ham radio operators and founders of the CERT Communications Program; Dr. Rich Godfrey, who built an enclosed batting cage for the kids in his neighborhood; Neighborhood Crime Watch Captain Shirley Huffman, who hosts National Night Out and a yearly Halloween

safety party for children; Dirk and Lisa Lorenz, who founded the Save the Center movement; PTA president Gaby Machuca, who saw attendance grow 100%; Cindy Reed, a CERT member and neighborhood block party hostess; Janis Tipton-King, who shares her gifts by volunteering in the classrooms; David and Rae Tong, who assist their neighbors in various projects, share from their garden, and make introductions; and Joe Williams, who always has a smile for everyone and carries dog biscuits in his pockets for all the neighborhood pets.

More than 450 grassroots leaders and active citizens attended this year’s Community Engagement Summit, held at Washington High School, and produced by the City of Fremont. Summit sponsors included Kaiser Permanente, Boston Scientific, Check Center, DeVry University, Fremont Elks Lodge #2121, Association for Community Organization and Social Administration, Dale Hardware, Elise Balgley, Fremont Community Foundation, Starbucks, CURA, Inc., Fremont Flowers & Gifts, Fremont Police Association, Greenstein, Rogoff, Olsen & Co., CPA’s, Half Price Books, The Party Company, Colin T. Yoshida, DDS, The Argus.

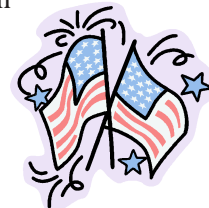


**Bob Czerwinski,
2002 Neighbor of the Year**

Fremont 4TH of July Parade

This year's 4th of July Parade will be held on Friday, July 4, 2003 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the historic Warm Springs District of Fremont. Warm Springs community members joined together to organize this year's patriotic event. It will salute the 4th of July with the theme, "Looking Back, Looking Forward – A Patriotic Celebration". The parade route will begin at Warm Springs Blvd. at Mayten Way and will travel north on Warm Springs Blvd. to

Hackamore Lane. More that 12,000 spectators are expected to line the 1.1 mile parade route to watch over 90 entries including: top drum and bugle corps, high school marching bands, creative floats, dance and drill teams, equestrians, special guest celebrities and many exciting local entries. Don't miss it!



Fremont Prepares to Celebrate National Night Out 2003

You are invited to celebrate National Night Out – the nation's block party night – by organizing an event in your neighborhood. National Night Out is an annual event designed to strengthen neighborhood spirit and unity, raise crime prevention awareness by helping neighbors get to know one another.

This year, National Night Out will be held Tuesday, August 5, 2003 between 7:00pm and 9:00pm. Your event could be a block party, barbecue, ice cream social or any other activity held outside and involving your neighbors. National Night Out events happen everywhere including single-family neighborhoods, townhouse complexes, in apartment buildings, or nearby parks.

Last year the Fremont residents hosted 101 parties – 25 more parties than the year before. You can register your event online at http://www.fremontpolice.org/nat/nat_nite03.html or contact Geneva Wheeler at (510) 790-6957 or gwheeler@ci.fremont.ca.us. The deadline to register is July 18th, 2003. When you call or email to register please include the following information:

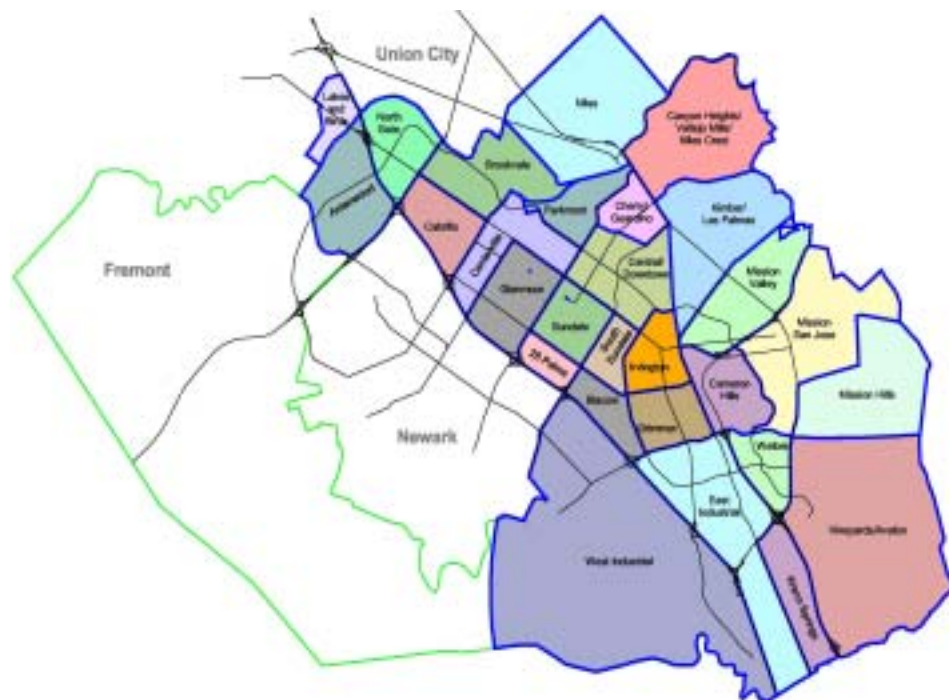
- Name
- Address
- Home and Work phone numbers
- Address or specific location of your event
- Approximate number of people you expect to attend

A Block Party Guide is also available from the City of Fremont's Office of Neighborhoods. To receive a free copy, contact Eldred Nethercott at (510) 790- 6740. This guide provides practical tips for helping you organizing a successful event.

If you would like to block off the street for your event contact Jackie Hall at the City of Fremont, Development Services Center at (510) 494-4487 for more information. To block off your street, you will need to complete a permit application and pay a \$20.00 fee. The deadline for filing a permit is Friday, July 18, 2003. You can download a special event application at www.ci.fremont.ca.us/Permits/OtherPermits/SpecialEventsPermit.htm or pick one up at 39550 Liberty Street.

National Night Out is an enjoyable and productive way for people to meet each other and have fun. We look forward to seeing you on August 5th!





Research shows that communities are stronger when neighbors know each other. If you are interested in participating or would like more information contact Claudia Albano in the Office of Neighborhoods at (510) 790-6757.

Seventeen Neighborhoods to Develop Networks

What if all the community-minded residents in your neighborhood knew each other? Say the PTA president knew the Neighborhood Crime Watch Captain, who knew the Homeowner Association presidents, and so on? How much more effective could you be in solving neighborhood problems, in mobilizing resources, and in moving information? Or, how much more fun would it be to live in a place where people know each other?

A Neighborhood Network can help you make those connections, and at the Community Summit, held on November 16, representatives from seventeen Fremont neighborhoods expressed interest in starting Neighborhood Networks in their areas. A Neighborhood Network is a group of residents who represent a wide variety of neighborhood groups, associations, and interests that meets at least three times a year. Neighborhood Networks are:

- Clearinghouses for information about what is going on in the neighborhood
- A way for people from different organizations to meet each other, and to support each other's efforts, if desired,

- A way to work together to solve problems

Any active resident can start a Neighborhood Network. It is recommended that a team of three residents initially work together to design a strategy in partnership with staff from the Office of Neighborhoods and the Police Department. Many residents interested in forming Neighborhood Networks attended two training workshops offered March 20th and April 10th. The evenings were filled with meeting new neighbors, role playing and practicing organizing techniques. Neighborhoods are beginning to communicate through list serves and have begun meeting to discuss new ideas for their communities. The neighborhoods starting Neighborhood Networks include: Ardenwood, Blacow, Brookvale, Cabrillo, Centerville, Glenmoor, Grimmer, Irvington, Kimber/Gomes, Lakes and Birds, Mission San Jose, Northgate, Niles, parkmont, Sundale, 28 Palms and Weibel.



Community Engagement Summit
November 16, 2002

If you would like to learn more about starting or being a part of a Neighborhood Network call the Office of Neighborhoods at 790-6742.

Neighborhoods Quilt a Metaphor for Community Building

A quilt is such a perfect metaphor for community,” says Pam Giffen-Brees, President of the Piecemakers Quilt Guild. “It’s stitched together from many different pieces, all coming together with a common thread.” This is why the idea for the Many Neighborhood, One City quilt captured the imagination of those who had the pleasure of seeing it unveiled at the Fremont Community Engagement Summit on November 16, 2002. The Neighborhoods quilt was designed to celebrate community, specifically the Fremont community and its many neighborhoods. Constructed by members of the Piecemakers Quilt Guild and local Girl Scouts under the supervision of Sandra Adams, of the Coyote Hills Girl Scouts Association, the quilt depicts a map of Fremont’s 28 neighborhoods and served as a stunning visual symbol of what the Summit is about—developing connections and neighborhood networks, celebrating our individual beauty and talents, our collective strengths and unity.

Traditionally, quilting bees create a warm and supportive circle that is the very essence of community. Women (and men) share stories, dreams, hopes and fears while expressing themselves in a creative art form that also served a utilitarian purpose and added beauty and comfort.

“The notion of home and community is critical to everyone, not just women,” said Elise Balgley, local attorney and

sponsor of the neighborhood quilt. “Especially in these difficult times, it is important that we preserve a sense of home and community. This is why I sponsored the neighborhood quilt.”

The quilt design is based on a map that the City of Fremont produced last year showing the various neighborhoods of Fremont.

“Fabrics were chosen to reflect qualities of each neighborhood,” says Giffen-Brees. “And icons representing different features of the city were incorporated into the background.”

“Quilting is one of those things that connect past, present and future,” said Giffen-Brees. “If we are to have future quilters, we need to pass the art on. It is no different than creating a healthy community—we must have a strong thread tying past, present and future together, creating a strong and enduring weave.”

The Piecemakers Quilt Guild began in 1981 and now has over 150 members. Other projects include quilts made for SAVE, AIDS babies, abused children, and several charities. The Piecemakers also provide grants to teach quilting in local schools. To learn more about the Piecemakers Quilt Guild, please call 510-490-6266.



Are you worried about Identity Theft ?

Identity theft is obtaining another's "personal identifying information" without their authorization and using it for any unlawful purpose. Personal identifying information includes name, address, telephone number, driver's license number, social security number, place of employment, employment identification number, mother's maiden name, debit/savings account numbers and credit card numbers. Identity theft is a crime punishable by imprisonment in the county jail or state prison and a fine of up to \$10,000, or both.

Sometimes identity theft is very obvious. When someone steals your purse or wallet, there is a good chance that person may use your credit cards, check book, driver's license number and any other personal information you had inside.



In these cases, it is often possible to notify your bank and credit card companies immediately after the theft. This can help you reduce your losses and avoid serious problems in the future.

In other cases, you may not realize identity theft has occurred for several days, weeks, months or years. By that time, the perpetrator could have obtained credit cards, opened checking accounts and made dozens of large purchases, all in your name! You may not discover this until you notice strange purchases on your credit card statements. You might receive phone calls or letters about outstanding bills from creditors you don't have accounts with. You might also be denied credit or realize you never received that new credit card or batch of checks you ordered.

STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO REDUCE IDENTITY THEFT:

- Deposit all outgoing mail into a Federal mailbox or take it directly to the post office.
- Get a locking mailbox or secured mail slot for incoming mail.
- Shred all valuable documents and anything bearing your name and address before discarding it.
- Balance your checking account monthly to verify all checks and transactions.
- Do not carry your Social Security Card with you.
- Do not write "passwords" or "PINS" on credit cards or in your wallet.
- Don't let people see you enter "PINS" or telephone numbers.
- Don't allow strangers to be unattended in your home or workplace.
- Review your credit card statements carefully each month to make sure there are no unauthorized transactions.
- Advise your credit card companies to notify you of any unusual activity on your account.
- Make a list of all your credit cards, the expiration dates and the appropriate telephone number to call to report the card lost or stolen. Store the list in a safe place.
- Limit the number of credit cards you have and carry. If you lose several cards at the same time, it can be devastating to your credit history.
- Obtain a complete credit history from each of the three major credit bureaus at least once a year.

Resource Guide for Victims of Identity Theft

Credit Reporting Bureaus

Equifax: www.equifax.com P. O. Box 740256, Atlanta, GA 30374

- Report fraud: Call 1-800-525-6285 or 1-770-612-2518, and write to address above
- Order credit report: 1-800-997-2493

Experian (formerly TRW): www.experian.com P.O. Box 1017, Allen, TX 75013

- Report fraud or order credit report call 1-800-311-4769 and write to address above

Trans Union: www.transunion.com Fraud Victim Assistance Division, P.O. Box 6790, Fullerton, CA 92634

- Report Fraud: Call 1-800-680-7289, and write to address above
- Order credit report: 1-800-916-8800

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Federal Trade Commission

- Call 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338)
- Or go online: www.consumer.gov/idtheft

Social Security Administration

- Report fraud: Call 1-800-269-0271
- Order your Earnings and Benefits Statement: 1-800-772-1213

Mailing Lists

To remove your name from mail and phone lists, write to:
Direct Marketing Association

- Mail Preference Service, P.O. Box 9008, Farmingdale, NY 11735
- Telephone Preference Service, P.O. Box 9014, Farmingdale, NY 11735

Checks

To report fraudulent use of your checks, call:

- CheckRite: 1-800-766-2748
- Chexsystems: 1-800-328-5121
- Equifax-Telecredit: 1-800-437-5120
- National Processing Co.: 1-800-526-5380
- SCAN: 1-800-262-7771
- TeleCheck: 1-800-366-2425

>Opt out of pre-approved offers of credit and marketing lists: 1-888-567-8688

For additional information, check the US Postal
Inspection Service web site:
www.usps.com/postalinspectors

CERT Class Schedule - 2003



The CERT (Community Emergency Response Teams) program is designed to help the citizens of Fremont become better prepared to survive and respond after a major disaster.

This is the schedule for CERT 2003 classes. The location will be in the City Hall building complex, 3300 Capitol Avenue. Class time is 7:00 pm until 10:00 pm. Pre-registration is required. Class size is limited. You can sign up through the Fremont Fire Department at FremontFire@ci.fremont.ca.us. You can also visit our website at <http://www.fremontcert.org>.

Classes:

Tuesday/Thursdays: August 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28
Thursdays: October 9, 16, 23, 30,
November 6, 13

Drill/Family Picnic: Saturday, September 20, 2003

Continuing Education Classes:

Please check website for Continuing Education Class schedule and description

Below is a brief description of each class:

Class #1

Earthquake awareness
Personal, family and workplace preparation
Non-structural hazard mitigation
Emergency response team concept

Class #2

Utility control . . . when and how to shut them off
Fire extinguishers
Disaster fire fighting
Hazardous materials

Class #3

Disaster medicine
Triage . . . how to decide who to treat and when
Care of common injuries
Rescuer protection and "well being"

Class #4

Building damage recognition
Light search and rescue techniques
Lifting heavy objects

Class #5

Hands-on disaster exercise

Class #6

Team response and management
Disaster psychology
Table top exercise

FREE! Guides and tip sheets to help you make the most of your community!

*Free publications from the City of Fremont to empower you
as a leader, and to help you strengthen and improve your
neighborhood and community.*

Quantity

Guides

CityWorks

*This comprehensive guide to city
services and community resources
provides answers to the City's most
frequently asked questions, A to Z.*

SourceWorks

*A comprehensive guide to books,
videos and website resources for
leaders and volunteers.*

Tip Sheets

Creating Community Newsletters

Disaster Preparedness

Getting to Know Your Neighbors

Graffiti

Neighborhood Block Parties

Organizing a Neighborhood Crime Watch
Group

Organizing a Neighborhood Network

101 Things Poster

*A list of 101 things you can do for your
community. Great for business or classroom
to encourage community involvement.*

**Tip Sheets available for download from the
City's website at <http://www.fremont.gov/Community/CommunityInvolvement>**

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Complete and mail to:
Office of Neighborhoods
2000 Stevenson Blvd.
Fremont, 94538

What's in a Name?

A lot! That's what residents of the former Kimber/Las Palmas neighborhood said when they asked the Office of Neighborhoods to change their name to Kimber/Gomes. They wanted the name to reflect the history of the neighborhood and acknowledge the role well-respected community leader John Gomes made. "No problem" said Office of Neighborhoods' Manager, Claudia Albano, "the map is a tool and we are very open to community input."

West Industrial will also be getting a name change. The industrial and commercial neighborhood by the Bay will now be known as Baylands, the name the Economic Development Department has been using for the area.